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LB 432

United States. I really support LB 432 for a number of situations but I would like to give you at least one that I have been involved with several times with constituents from my area.

PRESIDENT: In order for them to understand that, we will need a little quiet in the Chamber, Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT: Proceed.

SENATOR LABEDZ: An employee who works say for a construction company and is on the list, a union list, may be laid off from his regular job and then in turn will take another job because he doesn't want to go on unemployment so he accepts a job working in a service station or at a say lawn service and works there temporarily until he is called back to his regular job. Now he does this only because he doesn't want to go on unemployment. He works there possibly two or three, maybe six weeks and is called back on his regular job. Naturally, he would take the better job or his regular job hoping that it will last for several weeks. But unfortunately he is laid off again and because he quit the second job he is penalized seven to ten weeks when he is laid off again. This I think is unfortunate and I have talked to people that are reluctant to take a part-time job or a temporary job when they are laid off by a construction firm because of the fact they know that if they do get laid off again and it has been happening so often now in the last couple years, that they don't do it. They go ahead and take the unemployment knowing that they will go on it immediately. If this happens and they are penalized the seven, ten weeks, the counties will have to pay with food stamps and welfare, and I think it is absolutely wrong. They take the temporary job only because they don't want to go on unemployment. Under LB 432 the claimant would be entitled to 25 of the 26 weeks of benefits instead of being penalized. I urge the members of this Legislature to take that into consideration for those that don't want to go on unemployment and take a temporary job and do not work long enough at either their regular job or their temporary job and then they are penalized for it. I urge the members to support LB 432 to correct this situation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Can we have quiet in the Chamber, please. Senator Vickers.